Airport Economic Regulatory Authority

†583. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring forward a proposal of Airport Economic Regulatory Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) is proposed to be set up, through an Act of Parliament, to fix, review and approve tariff structure for the aeronautical services and monitor pre-set performance standards at Indian airports. The Authority will ensure a level playing field for all categories of airport operators and also oversee and deal with natural monopoly and common user/carrier segments of airports.

(c) Does not arise.

DPR on modernisation of non-metro Airports

584. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise a number of non-metro airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any detailed project report has been prepared in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 35 Non-Metro airports identified are Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Udaipur, Trivandrum, Lucknow, Goa, Madurai, Mangalore, Agatti, Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Rajkot, Vadodara, Bhopal, Indore, Nagpur,

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Vishakhapatnam, Trichy, Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Patna, Port Blair, Varanasi, Agartala, Dehradun, Imphal, Ranchi, Raipur, Agra, Chandigarh, Dimapur, Jammu and Pune.

(c) and (d) Project reports in respect of 25 airports out of 35 selected airports have been got prepared by Airports Authority of India (AAI) so far.

The project reports include master planning, phase-wise development works on modification/expansion and/or new construction of terminal buildings, land use plans and model with options available to AAI, specific to each airport, for undertaking the development works.

Optimum use of Sanganer Airport

†585. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy congestion of air traffic at Palam and Indira Gandhi International Airports in Delhi due to the increasing pressure of domestic and international flights and the passengers are facing a lot of inconvenience due to delay caused by the congestion;

(b) whether there is any plan under consideration to start international flights from Sanganer airport of Jaipur after developing it as an alternative airport; and

(c) whether any plan for making arrangement for repairing and maintenance of aircrafts at Sanganer Airport will be taken into consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Finair and Indian Airlines are already operating international flights from Jaipur (Sanganer) Airport.

(c) No, Sir. The land infrastructural constrains do not permit establishment of repair and maintenance of aircrafts at this airport.

Regulator for Air Tariff

586. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a "Regulatory Authority"

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